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1. Skilled machinists have refused to use machine tools delivered to the Skoda Plzen (Pilsen - N50/L04) plant from the USSR because the tools are claimed to be neither reliable nor precise. After an extensive dispute with the workers on the matter, the management has removed the tools and stored them in sheds in the plant yard.

2. In June 1950 workers in the Skoda Plzen plant and the Stalin Works in Horni Litvinov (Oberleutensdorf - N51/F13) started a strike because of their dissatisfaction with the newly introduced wage catalogue. After the first strike attempt the catalogue was temporarily withdrawn, but those members of the workers' councils of the two plants who supported the strike were arrested a few days later by the STB.

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